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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 18-Mar-05**

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
03/14	2,158	5.60	64-89	73.25	6,195
03/15	2,176	5.54	64-89	74.08	6,688
03/16	1,889	5.46	71-86	76.70	4,452
03/17	2,082	5.59	64-90	76.21	5,649
03/18	2,101	5.38	67-91	77.94	4,859
Weekly	10,407	5.51	Cumulative:	75.42	27,843

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 21-Mar-05**

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	72.78	71.48	76.39
Chicago	70.01	68.78	73.69
Detroit	71.50	69.80	73.75
Los Angeles	79.42	79.03	78.15
Composite Weighted Average	74.07	72.97	76.52

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 18-Mar-05**

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	153.85	3,407,241
Tenderloins	155.02	448,343
Breast - With Ribs	98.18	580,640
Breast - Line Run	92.36	471,240
Legs	44.55	1,135,680
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	31.95	1,527,786
Drumsticks	36.54	843,020
Thighs	45.94	349,500
B/S Thighs	94.66	401,760
Wings (Whole)	103.81	692,960

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 12-Mar-05**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	213,063	215,017	210,601	210,241	211,673
Chicks Placed	176,613	177,025	170,698	172,356	172,679

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 12-MAR-05**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	157,630	160,095	153,179
Average Live Weight	5.16	5.24	5.06
To Date 2005 (000)	1,568,694	1,411,064	-----
To Date 2004 (000)	1,532,632	1,379,453	-----

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on February 28, 2005 were 3% above the previous month, and up slightly from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3% from the previous month, but up 16% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 15% from last month, but down 18% from February 29, 2004.

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